

So what we are doing is cutting the operator's commission by 4 percent, the sales agent's commission by 1 percent, which then would be a total of 5 percent, and we are raising the pickle card tax from 16 to 20 percent which would be 4 percent increase, and give the organization 1 percent more. Well, I don't know, at first blush the only difference is Senator Labeledz's shows the organization getting 51 percent of the profit which is what I understand the original purpose of these pickles was, to raise money for these nonprofit organizations that save the state money by taking care of things that the state either can't afford or will not afford. I just don't see Senator Labeledz keeping the operator's commission at 32, the sales agent at 4, cutting the pickle card tax to 12, which isn't all bad considering other forms of gambling pay less. I guess, Senator, what I wanted to do was get it straight because, as the handout came to me, 50 cents was on the top and I never realized it, and now as you have pointed out, if you compare Labeledz's with the one on Senator Morehead's where it says \$1 pickle cards at the top, then you have a truer method of comparison, giving more to the organization, giving more to the state, and taking it out of the pocket of the operators and the sales commissioners. Of course, the organizations still have all those other expenses, the cost of the unit and, on the Morehead amendment, the sales tax which the organization pays on the box of tickets goes from \$16 to \$13. Is that correct, Senator? Well, I mean on the \$1 tickets, the sales tax under Labeledz is \$16 on a box at a 65 percent payout,...

PRESIDENT: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: ...and on yours, it is \$13. I am just trying to figure out where the \$3 difference is coming from. Oh, I guess it is because Labeledz is lowering the pickle card tax...uh huh, it is a tax paid on a tax which other people have pointed out. I guess what I would say is we need to study this and take a little time to decide which is the better of the two. From the organization's standpoint, it would look like Labeledz's amendment, they come out with a little bit more profit, \$575.60 is their net profit. And on the Morehead amendment they come out with \$540.80, up \$35 less where we are talking about the \$1 pickles and a 65 percent payout.

PRESIDENT: Time has expired.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President.